

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I recently switched to Vonage from BellSouth for "basic" phone service. As seniors my wife and I watched this service go from \$12/mo to \$25/mo. Now we are only paying \$17/mo, get 500 minutes and all the extras we could never afford with BellSouth, like Caller ID, Call Forwarding, etc,. I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers.

This is unfair!

I discontinued my AT&T long distance provider when they started charging a flat fee whether I made LD calls or not. Went with Lightyear who only bills me for the calls I make...no calls, no bill!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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